

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended) A storage battery comprising:  
main positive and negative terminals that are connected to a plate pack; and  
at least one auxiliary terminal that is connected via a connection ~~member~~ portion to at least one of the main positive and negative terminals;  
a container for accommodation of the plate pack; and  
a lid for covering an opening of the container; wherein  
said lid has on its top a recess and said at least one auxiliary terminal is located in said recess.

Claim 2 (cancelled)

Claim 3 (currently amended) The storage battery according to ~~any one of claims 1 and 2, further comprising:~~ wherein

~~a container for accommodation of the plate pack; and~~  
~~a lid for covering an opening of the container; wherein~~  
~~at least a portion of the connection member~~ portion is embedded in the inside of the lid or located in a recess on the top of the lid so as not to be protruded outward from the top of the lid.

Claim 4 (currently amended) The storage battery according to claim 3, wherein ~~said at least a portion of the connection member~~ portion that is located in the recess on the top of the lid is at least partially embedded in resin filled and cured in the recess.

Claim 5 (currently amended) The storage battery according to ~~any one of claims 3 and 4, wherein said part at least a portion of the connection member~~ portion that is embedded ~~in the inside of the lid or embedded in the~~ cured resin filled and cured in the recess has on its side a ring-shaped protrusion.

Claim 6 (cancelled)

Claim 7 (currently amended) The storage battery according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 6, further comprising a bushing monolithically formed with each of the main positive and negative terminals, wherein said connection member~~ portion is connected via the bushing to each of the main positive and negative terminals.

Claim 8 (currently amended) The storage battery according to claim 7, wherein the connection ~~member~~portion has a downwardly extending portion and a horizontal portion, said downwardly extending portion obliquely extending from an upper portion of the bushing to the horizontal portion.

Claim 9 (currently amended) The storage battery according to any one of claims 7 and 8, wherein the connection ~~member~~portion is monolithically formed with the bushing and each of the main positive and negative terminals.

Claim 10 (currently amended) The storage battery according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 9~~, wherein the connection ~~member~~portion is made of any one of lead and lead alloy.

Claim 11 (new) The storage battery according to claim 1, wherein the top of the lid defines a closed peripheral edge of the recess.

Claim 12 (new) The storage battery according to claim 1, wherein said at least one auxiliary terminal comprises a pair of auxiliary terminals that are respectively connected to the main positive and negative terminals, and said main positive and negative terminals and said pair of auxiliary terminals are aligned in a substantially straight line.

Claim 13 (new) A storage battery comprising:

main positive and negative terminals that are connected to a plate pack; at least one auxiliary terminal that is connected via a connection portion to at least one of the main positive and negative terminals;

a container for accommodation of the plate pack; and

a lid for covering an opening of the container; wherein

said lid has on its top a recess and said connection portion is located in the recess so as not to be protruded outward from the top of the lid.

Claim 14 (new) The storage battery according to claim 13, wherein said connection portion that is located in the recess on the top of the lid is at least partially embedded in resin filled and cured in the recess.

Claim 15 (new) The storage battery according to claim 14, wherein said part of the connection portion embedded in the cured resin has on its side a ring-shaped protrusion.

Claim 16 (new) The storage battery according to claim 13, wherein said at least one auxiliary terminal is located in the recess on the top of the lid.

Claim 17 (new) The storage battery according to claim 13, further comprising a bushing monolithically formed with each of the main positive and negative terminals, wherein said connection portion is connected via the bushing to each of the main positive and negative terminals,

Claim 18 (new) The storage battery according to claim 17, wherein said connection portion has a downwardly extending portion and a horizontal portion, said downwardly

extending portion obliquely extending from an upper portion of the bushing to the horizontal portion

Claim 19 (new) The storage battery according to any one of claims 17 and 18, wherein said connection portion is monolithically formed with the bushing and each of the main positive and negative terminals.

Claim 20 (new) The storage battery according to claim 13, wherein the connection portion is made of any one of lead and lead alloy.

Claim 21 (new) The storage battery according to claim 13, wherein the top of the lid defines a closed peripheral edge of the recess.

Claim 22 (new) The storage battery according to claim 13, wherein said at least one auxiliary terminal comprises a pair of auxiliary terminals that are respectively connected to the main positive and negative terminals, and said main positive and negative terminals and said pair of auxiliary terminals are aligned in a substantially straight line.

Claim 23 (new) A storage battery comprising;

main positive and negative terminals that are connected to a plate pack; at least one auxiliary terminal that is connected via a connection portion to at least one of the main positive and negative terminals;

a container for accommodation of the plate pack; and

a lid for covering an opening of the container; wherein

said connection portion is embedded in the inside of the lid and said connection portion has on its side a ring-shaped protrusion.

Claim 24 (new) A storage battery comprising:

main positive and negative terminals that are connected to a plate pack;

at least one auxiliary terminal that is connected via a connection portion to at least one of the main positive and negative terminals;

a container for accommodation of the plate pack; and

a lid for covering an opening of the container; wherein

said connection portion is embedded in the inside of the lid and said at least one auxiliary terminal is located in the recess on the top of the lid.

Claim 25 (new) A storage battery comprising:

main positive and negative terminals that are connected to a plate pack;

at least one auxiliary terminal that is connected via a connection portion to at least one of the main positive and negative terminals;

a container for accommodation of the plate pack;

a lid for covering an opening of the container; and

a bushing monolithically formed with any one of the main positive and negative terminals and the connection portion; wherein

said connection portion is embedded in the inside of the lid and said connection portion has a downwardly extending portion and a horizontal portion, said downwardly extending portion obliquely extending from an upper portion of the bushing to the horizontal portion.

Claim 26 (new) The storage battery according to claim 24, wherein the connection portion is made of any one of lead and lead alloy.

Claim 27 (new) The storage battery according to claim 24, wherein the top of the lid defines a closed peripheral edge of the recess.

Claim 28 (new) The storage battery according to claim 24, wherein said at least one auxiliary terminal comprises a pair of auxiliary terminals that are respectively connected to the main positive and negative terminals, and said main positive and negative terminals and said pair of auxiliary terminals are aligned in a substantially straight line.